THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) to (c) A proposal for the acquisition of additional submarines is under consideration of the Government. Further details cannot be disclosed in the interest of national security. The Government always take adequate measures to ensure full defence preparedness at all times.

Concentration of Pakistani Forces on Siachen

1114. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistani forces have been heavily concentrating on Siachen for the last three or four months;

(b) whether the latest weapons and aircraft acquired by Pakistan have been deployed there;

(c) whether this has caused great imbalance in the defence needs of India;

(d) if so, in view of the heavy concentration of Pak Forces in this area, what steps Government propose to take to meet the situation; and

(e) what is the total number of occasions on which Pakistani attack was repulsed uptil June, 1988?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) Pakistan has inducted additional troops in the Siachen Glacier area during the last few months. The latest equipment received by Pakistan is being gradually absorbed by her troops including those deployed in the Siachen area.

(c) and (d) Our troops in the Siachen area are adequately prepared and suitably deployed to meet any contingencies.

(e) During the period from 1984 till June 1988, Pakistani troops had unsuccessfully attacked Indian positions in the area on five occasions.

Agreement between LTTE and Indian Government

1115. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an agreement was worked out between LTTE representative Krishna Kumar alias 'Kittu' and the Indian Government in Madras recently; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the points that have been worked out in the said agreement and the points still unresolved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Safety of Nuclear Power Plants

1116. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Emergency Response Committee under the Atomic Energy Commission has prepared plans to ensure safety of nuclear power plants; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) A National

Emergency Response Committee has been set up by the Department of Atomic Energy to deal with emergency situations in the nuclear installations. This Committee ensures that emergency procedures and action plans are prepared by the State concerned in consultation with the Nuclear Installation Authorities to safeguard the public in the event of an emergency occurring in any of the nuclear installations. Such plans have been prepared in respect of the nuclear power stations at Tarapur, Rajasthan, Kalpakkam and also for the Narora Atomic Power Project under construction. In order to test the emergency preparedness, regular drils are carried out. Two emergency "Off-Site" exercise in the public domain have been conducted, one at Kalpakkam and the other at Rajasthan.

Acquisition of Airborne/Elevated Radars by Pakistani Air Force

1117. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that Pakistan is acquiring air-borne/elevated radars and inflight refuelling system to give PAF superiority over IAF with capacity to "see" and to strike much deeper besides making its airforce capable of effecting large number of interceptions with only limited fighting force;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have studied the implications and the threat to the country's security as a result thereof; and

(d) if so, what steps are contemplated by Government to strengthen the country's air defence to meet any eventuality?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) Government is aware that Pakistan has plans to acquire such equipment.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Government is taking appropriate steps to counter this threat. Further details being given would not be in the public interest.

Senior Appointments by Public Service Employment Board in Public Undertakings

1118. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of senior appointments that are required to be made on the recommendation of Public Service Employment Board in Public Undertakings which were vacant during the period from 1st January, 1988;

(b) whether these vacancies are likely to be filled up in a reasonable time; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) As per available information, as on 30th June, 1988, there were 20 posts of Chief Executives and functional Directors in central public enterprises which were vacant during the period from 1-1-1988 to 30-6-88.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Production of Citizenship Certificates by Candidates for Recruitment to Army in Assam

1119. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state: